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HOUSING FACILITIES FOR COMMONWEALTH GAMES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main challenge is before the Government to provide better housing facilities to the foreign tourists during Commonwealth Games and the progress of work in this regard is very slow;

(b) if so, the details of responsibilities assigned to Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and Central Public Works Department (CPWD) for Delhi Commonwealth Games 2010;

(c) the effective steps taken by the Government so far to complete various proposed construction work within stipulated period before the Commonwealth Games; and

(d) the details of hotel construction agencies which are getting relief from tax?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): Construction of hotels is primarily a private sector activity and the Ministry of Tourism extends facilitation. However, Ministry of Tourism has been in regular touch with the various land owning agencies like Ministry of Civil Aviation, DDA, Ministry of Urban Development and State Land Owning Agencies etc. for identifying hotel sites in view of the forthcoming Commonwealth Games 2010. Ministry of Tourism has also floated schemes like the approval of Guest Houses and Incredible India Bed and Breakfast establishments for increasing the room inventory in Delhi and the NCR especially in the budget category.

(b) and (c): DDA has identified 34 hotel sites. They will provide 6600 hotel rooms. To ensure that hotels are constructed before Commonwealth Games, it has been provided that construction will have to be completed within particular period and to ensure compliance of this obligation, performance security to the tune of 5% of the bid amount has been obtained in the shape of bank guarantee. In case of delay in completion of hotel, it will be encashed as per schedule mentioned in the disposal conditions. The review of progress is done regularly.

(d): In the budget proposal 2007-08, the Ministry of Finance has granted a 5 year Tax Holiday to hotels of 2, 3, and 4 star categories set up between 1.4.2007 to 31.3.2010 in the National Capital Territory of Delhi and the districts of Faridabad, Gurgaon, Gautam Budh Nagar and Ghaziabad.